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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented an UNDP assisted National Leather Development Programme (NLDP) in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of small scale entrepreneurs in the leather sector benefited under this programme during 2005-06 and 2006-07 in the country particularly in Orissa;

(d) the funds allocated by the Government for strengthening the technology, skill upgradation and marketing support during the said period; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make the programme more competitive in view of the international competition in the sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (e): The Central Government had implemented a programme under the UNDP assisted Programme, "Small Industries Development & Employment Programme in Leather Sector" (SIDE-NLDP) from the year 1992 to 2003. The objective of the programme was to increase the competitiveness of the footwear and leather product sector. The Scheme was implemented till June, 2003 and hence no funds were released under the programme during 2005-06 and 2006-07. An amount of US$25.50 million was allocated under SIDE-NLDP as financial assistance and a number of small scale entrepreneurs benefited from the programme.